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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

1. INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP MET IN AM MARCH 23 TO CONSIDER CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON WORK OF INFORMAL GROUP. YUGOSLAVIA SAID CO-SPONSORS BELIEVED A LIST, RATHER THAN A COMPILATION, OF PROPOSALS ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT EXISTED BUT AGREED IT WAS NOT FINAL LIST; CONSIDERED IT WAS FAIR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITTEE'S MANDATE TO INFORM THE GA WHAT HAD BEEN DONE IN THE COMMITTEE; WANTED THE 51 PROPOSALS INCLUDED IN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT; BELIEVED CHAIRMAN SHOULD REPORT ON A FACTUAL SITUATION AND IT WOULD NOT BE ACCURATE IF 51 PROPOSALS WERE NOT INCLUDED; REQUESTED FURTHER PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS TO TRY AND REACH A COMPROMISE.

2. UK SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF A COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THREE FACTORS: (A) TEXT OF CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT WOULD FORM BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD; (B) YUGOSLAVIA'S PROPOSAL THAT THE 51 PROPOSALS SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY AND PRINT; (C) IN FINAL TEXT REFERENCE WOULD BE MADE TO THE STAGE OF WORK REACHED. UK SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THOSE THREE FACTORS IT
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HAD SUGGESTED SOME LANGUAGE AS A POSSIBILITY.

3. POLAND QUESTIONED THE REDUNDANCY OF COMPILATION OF 51 PROPOSALS WHICH WERE CONTAINED IN THE VARIOUS WORKING PAPERS THAT THE CHAIRMAN READ INTO THE RECORDS. SPAIN CONSIDERED THE THREE FACTORS REFERRED TO BY THE UK TO BE VALUABLE ELEMENTS WHICH COULD MAYBE BE BASIS

FOR A COMPROMISE; SPAIN WAS PREPARED TO WORK ALONG THOSE LINES FOR COMPROMISE, IF THE UK WAS PREPARED TO PRESENT ITS SUGGESTIONS IN WRITING IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE CLEAR. UK SAID IT WAS RELUCTANT TO CIRCULATE ITS SUGGESTIONS IN WRITING BECAUSE IT FELT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED FIRST ON CONCEPTS AND THEN WE COULD MOVE FROM CONCEPTS TO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.

4. THE INFORMAL GROUP ADJOURNED UNTIL PM IN ORDER TO CONTINUE PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS.

5. AT 3 PM MEMBERS MET TO HOLD PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO TRY AND REACH AGREEMENT ON CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON THE WORK OF THE INFORMAL GROUP. AT US URGING FIFOOT (UK) PRODUCED EXCELLENT COMPROMISE TEXT WHICH FORMED BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON TEXT OF CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT, HANDLING IN THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF ALL FOUR STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN AND ON LANGUAGE AND FRAMEWORK OF THE DRAFT REPORT. MEMBERS THEN MET AS INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP. FIFOOT REPORTED ON THE RESULTS OF THE PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS AND READ OUT THE AGREED UPON TEXT FOR THE CHAIRMAN. DURING THIS MEETING COLOMBIA, SUPPORTED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, URGED THAT US UNOFFICIAL PAPER BE CIRCULATED AS WORKING PAPER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE COMMITTEE. US DEL SO AGREED. AT THE MOMENT, THE ONLY REMAINING DIFFICULTY IS A PROPOSAL MADE BY ROMANIA AT THE END OF THIS MEETING TO INCLUDE IN THE DRAFT REPORT A PARAGRAPH STATING THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REQUESTS ITS MANDATE TO BE RENEWED. SOVIETS CANNOT ACCEPT THIS AND ALL BUT ROMANIA APPEAR UNWILLING JEOPARDIZE CONSENSUS OVER ISSUE SUCH AS THIS. ROMANIA REFUSED TO WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSAL DESPITE THE APPEALS MADE TO IT FROM VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THIS ISSUE WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED AND HOPEFULLY AGREEMENT ON IT CAN BE REACHED BEFORE AM OF MARCH 24. THE INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 10:30 AM ON MARCH 24 TO FORMALIZE ITS ACTION ON CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. THE WORKING GROUP WILL MEET AT 11 AM AND THE PLENARY WILL MEET AT 11:30 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT REPORT TO THE GA OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. LEONARD

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